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TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: U.S. FERROUS SCRAP EXPORTS

REF: SANTIAGO 5298

1. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IS NOW CONSIDERING THE PRIORITY OF REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE EMBARGO ON FERROUS SCRAP EXPORTS FOR BALANCE OF CY 1973.
 2. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED TO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THAT IT APPROVE THE MANTOS BLANCO REQUEST (ALTHOUGH APPROVAL MAY BE POSSIBLE ONLY AT THE 4000 TON LEVEL) ON GROUNDS THAT ITS DENIAL WOULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON THE CHILEAN ECONOMY AND GOC EFFORTS TO BOOST COPPER PRODUCTION.
 3. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS NOT AS YET RECEIVED APPLICATIONS FOR COMPANIA MINERA CAROLINA DE MICHILLA
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(1000 TONS) OR FOR MINERA SAGASCA (3000 TONS) REQUIREMENTS

CITED REFTEL.

4. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS RECEIVED NOTES FROM THE CHILEAN EMBASSY REQUESTING SIMILAR EXEMPTIONS FOR 12,000 TONS OF SHREDDED STEEL SCRAP FOR ENAMI AND 25,000 TONS OF HEAVY MELTING STEEL SCRAP FOR CORFO. THE EMBASSY'S NOTE STATES THAT ENAMI'S ORDER IS NEEDED BY JANUARY BUT DOES NOT SET A DEADLINE FOR THE CORFO SHIPMENT WHICH IS DESTINED FOR THE

INDUSTRIES AZA AND INDAC.

5. THE REGULATIONS, IF ANY, WHICH WILL GOVERN 1974 SALES HAVE NOT BEEN SET AS YET. WE HAVE REQUESTED EXCEPTIONS TO THE CY 1973 EMBARGO FOR A FEW SELECTED COUNTRIES BASED ON FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS. THESE EXCEPTIONS, IF GRANTED, WILL BE LIMITED TO REQUIREMENTS THROUGH THE END OF DECEMBER AND ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS TO PERMIT STOCKPILING FOR CY 1974 NEEDS WILL NOT BE APPROVED.

6. TO HELP US EVALUATE THE SEVERAL REQUESTS FROM CHILE WE WOULD APPRECIATE ALL THE INFORMATION THE EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. OF THE TOTAL OF 47,000 TONS REQUESTED WHAT IS THE BASE MINIMUM REQUIRED BY EACH PRODUCER THIS CALENDAR YEAR? IN MAKING INQUIRIES YOU ARE URGED TO AVOID GIVING ANY INDICATION THAT REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED.

B. PLEASE PROVIDE TONNAGE DATA ON CY 1973 IMPORTS TO DATE, PRESENT STOCKPILES AND IMPORT LEVELS DURING 1971 AND 1972. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE THIS SHOULD BE BROKEN OUT BY FIRM AND TYPE OF SCRAP.

7. THERE ARE MORE THAN A DOZEN COUNTRIES WITH REQUESTS FOR SCRAP PENDING. STATE AND COMMERCE MUST ARRIVE AT COMMON AGREEMENT ON COUNTRY PRIORITIES WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. YOUR RESPONSE, THEREFORE, IS REQUESTED BY MID-DAY NOVEMBER 7. RUSH

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